

# **COLCHESTER PLANNING COMMISSION**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**MARCH 17, 2009**

**PRESENT:** Rich Paquette, Tom Mulcahy, Pam Loranger and Peter Larrabee

**ALSO PRESENT:** Sarah Hadd, Town Planner

### **1. Call to Order**

T. Mulcahy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **2. Discussion of Supplement 21**

S. Hadd reported that the Select Board will be holding a public hearing on March 24th and encouraged members of the Commission to attend.

The Commission reviewed the memorandum received from Marc Landry discussing height limitations and lakefront access.

### **3. Discussion of Inner Village Rezoning**

S. Hadd provided an overview of the zoning in the Inner Village and outlined the background work that had been conducted for the area. In 2003, the Planning Commission began working on rezonings within the Inner Village. The Commission proposed rezoning the village core to General Development 1 which would allow for a variety of low-intensity commercial uses. The Select Board considered the proposal and was concerned with naming the village “general” and requested a more specific name and regulations that would better preserve the character of the area.

S. Hadd provided the Commission with maps depicting current businesses, use conflicts, and current zonings. Staff suggested that the Commission begin a dialogue on the village and map a direction on how to proceed. The Commission agreed to start a new review process of the existing zoning and uses on Main Street.

S. Hadd and the Commission reviewed the properties fronting on Main Street and discussed the current zoning and existing uses of the properties.

In conclusion of the review, Staff and the Commission agreed to hold a public forum and send out a mailing to all the property owners in the Village asking them to attend the meeting and participate in an informal discussion regarding their existing zoning and what they think would work better for the future.

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**4. Discussion of Work Plan & Future Agenda**

S. Hadd outlined the upcoming meeting schedule and agenda items tentatively scheduled. The Commission reviewed the work plan and future agenda document and concurred.

**5. Minutes of February 17, 2009**

A **motion** was made by P. Larrabee and **seconded** by R. Paquette to **approve** the minutes of February 17, 2009. The **motion passed** with a vote of 4 – 0.

**6. Packet Information**

The Commission reviewed the packet information that they received. The Commission directed Staff to schedule a public hearing regarding signage onto a regular meeting but not on the same evening when the residents of the Village will be present.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the Commission, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members of the Commission present voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by Lisa Riddle.

Approved this 7th day of April 2009

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